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1. The Ministry of Chemical Industry had five warehouses for the storage of industrial explosives. [REDACTED] the Ministry did not maintain storage warehouses for military explosives, which were probably stored under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Defense. These five warehouses were located at Luzna [5008N-1346E], Bakov nad Kizerou [5029N-1456E], Hermanice [4952N-1820E], Rechovice, which is about 10 km. northeast of Brno, and Hlubocky, which is 10-15 km. east of Olomouc. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] each of them stored two types of industrial explosives, one for use in mines with gases and the other for use in mines without gases. [REDACTED] the warehouses received most of the industrial explosives from Synthesia National Corporation, at Sembo [5003N-1543E], the largest producer of industrial explosives in Czechoslovakia. Distribution of explosives was effected either directly from the factory or through one of these warehouses. The distribution of explosives from the warehouses was handled by the Section for Industrial Explosives in the Commercial Division of the Ministry's Eighth Main Administration. The various regions were supplied as follows: all of Slovakia was supplied directly by the Juraje Dimitrov Plant, National Corporation, in the suburbs of Bratislava, the other producer of industrial explosives in Czechoslovakia, and, occasionally, by the warehouses at Rechovice and Luzna; Bohemia was supplied by the Luzna and Bakov warehouses; Brno and Gottwaldov regions were supplied by the Rechovice warehouse; and Ostrava and Olomouc regions were supplied by the Hermanice and Hlubocky warehouses. [REDACTED] there were definite plans to construct a storage warehouse for industrial explosives in Slovakia.

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All five warehouses were located in wooded areas and the explosives stored in pits about three meters deep under a roofed structure about four meters high. The warehouses at Hermanice were approximately 80 m. long and 10-15 m. wide; they were 200-400 m. apart. Each of these warehouses was surrounded by a barbed wire fence; armed guards were on duty at all times. To enter, one had to have a pass issued by the Ministry of National Security. Explosives arrived from the factory in crates measuring about 1 m. long by 40 cm. wide by 30 cm. high, and the weight of one of these crates at about 25 kg.; the explosives were shipped out in these same crates. There were regulations governing the number of crates which could be stacked on one another. The warehouses also stored fuses for explosives, but they were always stored and shipped in separate crates. Most of the fuses were obtained from the Zbrojovka Vlasim plant in Vlasim 4942N-1454E, which belonged to the Ministry of General Machinery.

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3. The storage warehouse at Hermanice covered an area of about 10 hectares and had four or five pit structures; the only other structure is a small administration building. This warehouse was supposed to supply the Ostrava Region. In order to do this, the warehouse had to keep a two-week supply on hand at all times. Hermanice was compelled to rely on the warehouse at Hlubocky for assistance in supplying Ostrava Region, as its own storage facilities were inadequate for this purpose. a commission had been formed and delegated to locate a site for a storage warehouse for industrial explosives large enough to supply all of the Ostrava Region. At least 14 guards and about 6 warehouse workers were employed at Hermanice. At the head of the warehouse was (fnu) BOHAC, who was simultaneously the head of the Section for Industrial Explosives in the Commercial Department for Chemicals in the Ostrava Regional Storage Headquarters. Assisting him in the administration of the warehouse were three people

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4. The Luzna storage warehouse was the largest one of this group of five. It covered an area of about 10 hectares and had six or seven storage pits. All of Luzna's storage facilities were used to capacity, and plans for expansion were under consideration,

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Synthesia supplied all of Luzna's explosives, which were shipped by rail to Luzna railroad station, from where they were transported to the warehouse by truck. About 15 armed guards and 10 workers comprised the warehouse staff. (Fnu) NOVOTNY headed a three man administrative staff.

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5. Bakov nad Jizerou was the second largest of these five storage warehouses. Located in a wooded area of five or six hectares, the Bakov warehouse had five storage pits. All its explosives were supplied by Synthesia and arrived at the Bakov railroad station, where they were picked up by the warehouse trucks. Like the other four warehouses, the one in Bakov was used to capacity.

the existing facilities will be expanded some time in the future. The warehouse staff comprised about 10 guards and about 5 workers. (Fnu) KUCERA was the head of the warehouse and had only one other person assisting him in administering it.

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6. The storage warehouse for industrial explosives in Rechovice was situated in a wooded area covering about three hectares. [redacted] the two storage pits it had were inadequate, but [redacted] no plans for expansion. Practically all the explosives stored there came from Synthesia, with a lesser amount coming from the Jurae Dimitrov Plant. Explosives were shipped by rail from the factory to the Rechovice railroad station, from where they were transported to the warehouse by the warehouse trucks. As with all the warehouses, when the explosives were being shipped out, the consumer's trucks came to the warehouse to make the pickup. A total of about 10 armed guards and warehouse workers were employed there. This warehouse was administered from Brno, but two administrative representatives from Brno were stationed at the warehouse. (Fnu) JILOUS was the Brno representative in charge of this warehouse at Rechovice.

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7. The storage warehouse for industrial explosives in Hlubocky covered an area of about five hectares. Although it was the storage center for explosives for the Olomouc Region, Hlubocky's principal function was as an auxiliary storage warehouse to Hermanice in supplying the Ostrava Region. About 90% of the explosives passing through Hlubocky's storage warehouses was delivered to Hermanice, which delivered them to consumers in the Ostrava Region; the remaining 10% was supplied to consumers in the Olomouc Region. [redacted] Hlubocky had three storage pits. [redacted]

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